(b) whether the Government are aware that the 'Naphtha' allotted to Kerala is insufficient to meet the fuel requirements of thermal projects;

(c) whether the Government consider to enhance the Naphtha allotment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government consider to enhance the allotment of diesel to Brahmpuram Power Project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The power supply position in Kerala during April to July, 1997, is given below :

Energy	April, 97-July, 97
Requirement	3775 MU
Availability	2749 MU
Shortage	1026 MU
% Shortage	27.2%

Kerala's generation is hydro based and due to delayed monsoon this year, there was steep decline in the state's hydro generation. Keeping in view the acute power shortage in the state, the Government of India increased the allocation from 30% to 50% w.e.f. 12-6-1997 and further 50% to 65% w.e.f. 1-7-1997 from the unallocated Central quota. The State has also share of 414.5 MW power from the Central sector generating stations in the Southern region.

(b) to (d) The request of Government of Kerala for enhancing the naphtha allocation is under examination.

(e) and (f) Fuel linkage for Brahmapuram diesel power plant of Kerala has been issued on 17-7-1997.

Joint Venture for Finance

3754. SHRI L. RAMANA :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NTPC propose to enter into joint venture with Haryana Electricity Board to promote two major power projects at Faridabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is the first projects likely to be developed by NTPC in conjugation with State;

(d) if so, the capacity of the present project and projects likely to be taken up in future;

(e) whether more projects are likely to be entered into with States especially Andhra Pradesh by NTPC; and

(f) the extent of such joint ventures are likely to help the speedy execution of power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) Government of India have accorded investment approval to set up Faridabad Gas Power Project in a capacity range of 330 to 430 MW in Haryana by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1163.60 crores. The ultimate responsibility for implementing the project will be entrusted to a subsidiary company by NTPC in which Haryana/HSEB is expected to have a share holding.

(e) and (f) Investment approval has also been accorded for the setting up the Simhadri Thermal Power Project (1000 MW) in Vishakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh by NTPC. This project will also be implemented by a subsidiary company of NTPC with a share holding by Government of Andhra Pradesh/APSEB. It is expected that such collaborative efforts between NTRC and the State Governments/their SEBs will help in adding greater new generating capacity in the country.

[Translation]

Reserved Quota for Berths and Seats

3755. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any reserved quota for berths and seats from Botad and Dhola junction railway stations of Bhavnagar district for Mumbai and Delhi;

(b) if so, the reserved quota of berths and seats from the above stations;

(c) whether the reserved quota of berths and seats is very less; and

(d) if so, the time by which the quota of berths and seats is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The reservation quotas available at Botad and Dhola for Mumbai and Delhi by various trains are as under:

Train No.	Class	Botad	Dhola
2902	Sleeper	1	-
9006	Sleeper	6	2
9108	Sleeper	3	-
9102	2nd Seat	-	4
2934	2nd Seat	2	-
9105	Sleeper	2	-
2916	Sleeper	2	-

An analysis of utilisation of the existing quota has revealed that the same is adequate to cater to the present level of traffic. As such, there is no proposal to enhance the quota. At Dhola, there is no quota in trains towards Delhi and due to meagre sale of tickets, there is no proposal to allot any outstation quota at this station in trains towards Delhi.

[English]

Suspension of Operation of Ropeway

3756. SHRI BASU DEV ACHARIA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the operation of ropeway between Chasnala Colony and Steel Plants of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited has been suspended for the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-start the operation; and

(d) if so, the time by which the operation is likely to be re-started?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The operation of Ropeway between Chasnala and Burnpur was stopped from 16.1.1997 as it has become highly unsafe.

(c) and (d) The matter is under examination in the Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited.

12.01 Hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[English]

Annual Report, Audited Accounts and Review of the work by the Govt. of the Allahabad Museum Society for the year 1995-96, etc.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : On behalf of Shri S.R. Bommai, I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) (i) A copy of Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) of the Allahabad Museum Society, Allahabad, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of Annual Report (Hindi and English Versions) by the Government of the working of the Allahabad Museum Society, Allahabad for the Year 1995-96.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English Versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Museum, Calcutta, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Indian Museum, Calcutta for the year 1995-96.

(4) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (3) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. - 2347/97]

Annual Reports, Audited Accounts and Review by the Govt. of the working of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida, etc.

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Waterways Authority of India. Noida, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida, for the year 1995-96.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act. 1963 :

(i) G.S.R. 132(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th March, 1997 containing corrigendum to the Notification No. G.S.R. 891 (E) dated the 24th November 1992.

(ii) G.S.R. 159(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1997 approving the Madras Port Trust (Leave) (Amendment) Regulations, 1997.

(iii) G.S.R. 222(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 15th April, 1997 containing corrigendum to the Notification No. G.S.R. 568 (E) dated the 23rd August, 1993.

(iv) G.S.R. 274(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 23rd May, 1997 approving the Mormugao Port Employees (Leave) (Amendment) Regulations, 1997.

(v) G.S.R. 279(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 28th May, 1997 approving the Amendments to the New Mangalore Port Trust (Welfare Fund) Regulations, 1997.